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| In re application of: Hideji Tajima, et al. | § | Attorney Docket No.: 10287.48 |
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| Serial No.: 10/042,373 | § | Customer No. 27683 |
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| Filed: December 27, 2001 | § | Group Art Unit: 1641 |
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| For: Carrier Holding Micro-Substances, | § | Examiner: Pensee T. Do |
| System Suspending Such Carriers, | § | |
| Apparatus for Manipulating Such | § | Confirmation No.: 5376 |
| Carriers and Method of Controlling | § | |
| Positions of Such Carriers | § | |

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Advisory Action mailed on December 2, 2005, and also in reply to the "final" Office Action mailed on June 15, 2005. Applicants are enclosing a Petition for a 3-month time extension, with the corresponding extension fee. Applicants have previously paid filing fees in an amount sufficient to cover all of the claims that are now pending, and thus no additional filing fee is due in association with the submission of this Amendment.